

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

*At page 1, under the title, insert the following new paragraph:*

### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS**

This application is the U.S. national phase of international patent application PCT/EP2004/02992, filed on March 22, 2004, and claims priority to German patent application number 103 16 873.7, filed April 11, 2003, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

*Amendment to page 4, paragraph 1:*

~~The invention is achieved by the characterising features of patent claim 1. The sub-claims reveal favourable embodiments of the invention. This object preferably is achieved by the characterizing features of the present invention. Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the solution will be apparent from the description of the invention provided herein.~~